

Pardons and Reprieves, 1726-1775

Reasons Given

Free Whites

Reasons	Pardoned	Reprieved	Number of cases	Trans-ported
Confessed or pleaded guilty	3	0	3	1
Confessed and pleaded guilty; justices point out extenuating circumstances (ill nature of woman's master; tried to carry off girl friend whose master would not sell her or permit marriage); justices say people want pardon	1	0	1	1
Object of mercy	3	2	5	2
Pleaded guilty; object of mercy	2	0	2	0
Petition of inhabitants or neighbors	1	1	2	1
inhabitants, petition of convict (sorry, never intended to kill); justices and jurors say fit object of mercy	2	0	2	0
inhabitants of Anne Arundel and Frederick Counties	1	0	1	0
convict	1	0	1	1
twelve men; had helped against French and Indians in 1755; object of mercy; justices say evidence full and convincing	1	0	1	0
Justices say no positive proof; petition of neighbors (probably out of his mind when he killed his son); had always been kind)	1	0	1	0
doubt about guilt, but still recommend transportation	1	0	1	0
inadequate evidence; respected family	1	0	1	1
Justices recommend mercy, say evidence uncertain; letter from justices, sheriff; other papers making her an object of mercy	2	0	2	0
Justices of Queen Anne's County and oyer and terminer say he is sorry	2	0	2	2
Young first offense, petition of inhabitants	1	0	1	0.
First offense; petition of twenty-two gentlemen sixteen years old	1	0	1	0
only twenty years old; petition of neighbors — say from good family	1	0	1	0
Poor simple fellow; evidence full and convincing	1	0	1	0
Disordered in head; evidence full and convincing	1	0	1	0

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Not a notorious offender	1	0	1	0
Pregnant	1	0	1	0
Pregnant; justices say a poor silly woman; accomplice was evidence	1	0	1	0
Coroner's jury says child was stillborn	1		1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>9</b>
No reasons given	21	2	27	11
<b>Not included in totals</b>				
Confession; witness against accomplice; object of mercy; probably never tried	1	0	1	0
Turned evidence; not tried — Ogle had promised pardon to any accomplice who would turn evidence	1	0	1	0
Gave evidence against another; probably not tried	2	0	2	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Threatened with transportation</b>				
Transported if could not give security for three years; young; first offense; petition of inhabitants				
Transported if could not give security; justices say doubt about guilt, but still recommend transportation				